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LEGISLATIVE BILL 116

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Insurance Program;
2 to amend section 84-1604, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska; to provide for the inclusion of volunteer
4 emergency responders, firefighters, and rescue squad
5 members as prescribed; and to repeal the original
6 section.
7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 84-1604, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 84-1604 The coverages provided for by sections 84-1601
4 to 84-1615 shall be afforded to each permanent state employee who
5 works one-half or more of the regularly scheduled hours during each
6 pay period, commencing after thirty days of such employment, and
7 to each temporary employee only as described in subsection (2) of
8 section 84-1601, commencing after thirty days of such employment.
9 Permanent and temporary employees who are employed less than the
10 regularly scheduled hours as defined for a permanent employee shall
11 be entitled to state contributions on a proportionately reduced
12 basis.

13 Volunteer emergency responders, firefighters, and rescue
14 squad personnel serving a volunteer department shall be deemed
15 state employees solely for purposes of health insurance coverage
16 under sections 84-1601 to 84-1615. Such volunteers shall pay
17 one hundred percent of the employee portion of the premium and
18 one hundred percent of the employer portion of the premium. For
19 purposes of this section, volunteer department means any volunteer
20 fire department or volunteer first-aid, rescue, ambulance, or
21 emergency squad or volunteer fire company, association, or
22 organization serving any city, village, or rural or suburban fire
23 protection district in this state by providing fire protection or
24 emergency response services for the purpose of protecting human
25 life, health, or property.

1 The life and health insurance coverages provided by
2 sections 84-1601 to 84-1615 shall be totally independent of one
3 another and the loss experience and the rates for the two coverages
4 shall be maintained separate and apart from one another.

5 Sec. 2. Original section 84-1604, Reissue Revised
6 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.